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SUBJECT: SYRO-PALESTINIAN JOINT COMMANDS

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1. CAN ADD NOTHING TO BEIRUT'S CONCISE ANALYSIS OF PLO ATTITUDES TOWARDS ASAD'S OFFER OF JOINT POLITICAL AND MILITARY COMMANDS. FOR THEIR PART OFFICIAL SYRIANS SEEM GENERALLY CONVINCED THAT PLO WILL ACCEPT OFFER IN NEAR FUTURE. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAYDAR TOLD ME MARCH 16 HE EXPECTS DETAILED PLO-SARG NEGOTIATIONS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS AND TO LEAD TO EARLY SETTING UP OF COMMANDS. HAYDAR STRESSED ASAD'S CONSTRUCTIVE INTENT IN MAKING OFFER, OBSERVING THAT JOINT COMMANDS WOULD HELP UNIFY PLO AND KEEP IT ON COURSE OF MODERATION.

2. AS COULD BE EXPECTED THERE ARE LESS CHARITABLE VIEWS
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OF ASAD'S OFFER. FOR EXAMPLE, SENIOR FONMIN OFFICIAL

COMMENTED TO ME HE BELIEVED THAT PROPOSAL OF JOINT COMMANDS
WAS JUST A BARGAINING COUNTER FOR ASAD VIZ-A-VIZ WASHINGTON
AND CAIRO WHICH WOULD BE QUIETLY DISCARDED SHOULD THERE
BE EARLY START ON SYRIAN-ISRAELI REGOTIATIONS FOR A FURTHER
STEP ON GOLAN.
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